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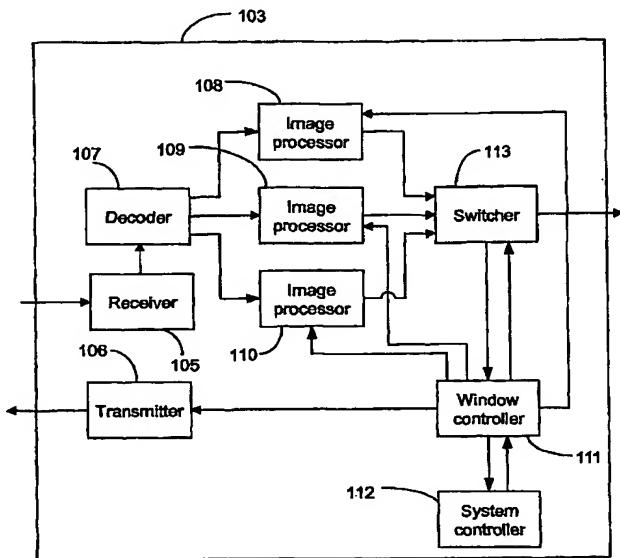
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(57) Abstract: The invention discloses an apparatus and a method for receiving multiple media data streams, which are displayed in separate windows of a multi-window display. Clipping information relating to an area of one of the windows being covered by the other window is transmitted to a source device providing the media data being covered when displayed. As a viewer may not see the covered area, the media data relating to the covered area is not needed by the destination device. Therefore, the source device based on the clipping information does not transmit any media data needed for processing of the covered area to the destination device, which does not have to process all media data relating to the covered area.



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